(a) whether cases of Jaundice were reported from Central Delhi under the jurisdiction of NDMC in June/July, 2004, due to the supply of contaminated drinking water in the area;

(b) if so, whether inquiry was held to fix responsibility for supply of contaminated drinking water in the area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has reported that a few cases of Jaundice were reported from Kerala House (Jantarmantar Road); Dalmia House (Tees January Marg) and 5, Tuglak Road, New Delhi. An inquiry was conducted by NDMC. This report brought out that Jaundice was not due to the contaminated water supply by NDMC, but for local reasons like supply water through bore-well, leakage of internal pipes, non-cleaning of underground/overhead tanks which is the responsibility of the owners/occupiers of the premises.

NDMC immediately issue directions to all the occupiers of the premises who have complied with the instructions. Consequently, the Jaundice cases subsided and no fresh case of Jaundice has been reported from these places.

DDA land usurped by GDA

2077. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ghaziabad Development Authority, in league with the private builders, has usurped and occupied land belonging to Delhi Development Authority on the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border;

(b) if so, the area of the land occupied by GDA and converted into a residential colony;

(c) the action taken so far by DDA to retrieve the land; and

(d) whether any involvement/connivance of DDA officers and staff in the matter has been investigated into and if so, the findings thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that M/s. Mahamaya General

Finance Co. Pvt. Ltd. and others have encroached upon approximately 5-6 acres of Government land adjoining Road No. 56 in village Karkardooma. At present this land is being used for residential/commercial purposes. GDA has also sanctioned the layout/building plan on the said land with the condition that in case of any title dispute the sanction will bo treated as automatically cancelled.

(c) and (d) The matter is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 3133/99. The Hon'ble Court appointed Shri M.L. Mehta, ADJ as Local Commissioner, under whose supervision a joint demarcation/verification was carried out. The Local Commissioner has already filed a report establishing the encroachment on Government land. The matter is *sub judice*. Further action would be dependent on the outcome of the Court case.

Covering of drain in Dwarka

2078. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a drain (nallah) is flowing between the rear boundary wall of DDA HIG Flats, Sector-13, Pocket-B, Dwarka, Phase-ll and rear boundary wall of Pragati Public School causing serious health hazard and a breeding ground for mosquitoes and its ill-effects on the health of residents and school children;

(b) if so, the remedial action taken by Government to cover this drain; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that the trunk drain between the rear boundary wall of HIG Flats, Sector-13, Pocket-B, Dwarka, Phase-ll and the rear boundary wall of Pragati Public School is a flowing water drain which causes no health hazard to the residents and the school children in the vicinity. There is no policy for covering of such type of drains.